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1. ENCLOSURES OF REFAIR INCLUDED SEVERAL CASES IN WHICH U.S. COMPONENTS WERE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF BALL PENS WHICH WERE EXPORTED TO OTHER EUROPEAN FREE TRADE AREA MEMBERS. THE ORIGINAL RULE OF ORIGIN FOR THIS PRODUCT CATEGORY (98.03) DISALLOWED THE USE OF ANY THIRD-COUNTRY COMPONENTS OF THE SAME BTN CATEGORY AS THE FINAL PRODUCT IF PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT WERE DESIRED. HOWEVER, THE RULE FOR 98.03 WAS CHANGED ON JANUARY 1, 1975 TO PERMIT THE USE OF THIRD COUNTRY MATERIALS OF THE SAME BTN CATEGORY

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AS THE FINAL PRODUCT UP TO 5 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE

FINAL PRODUCT.

2. REQUEST POST CONTACT LOCAL PEN MANUFACTURERS WHICH USED U.S. COMPONENTS IN 1974 AND DETERMINE IMPACT OF CURRENT 5 PERCENT RULE ON THEIR OPERATIONS. HAS SHIFTING TO EUROPEAN SOURCING FOR COMPONENTS TAKEN PLACE? HAS INCREASE TO 5 PERCENT ALLEVIATED PROBLEM? KISSINGER

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